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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT DATED DECEMBER 2, 2002

Please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Please add claims 41 and 42.

~~-41. (NEW) The method of claim 14 in which contacting includes contacting the silver-based composition applied to the first ceramic component to a bare surface of the second component.~~

~~-42. (NEW) The method of claim 14 in which contacting includes contacting the silver-based composition applied to the first ceramic component to a surface of the second component that is coated with the silver-based composition.~~